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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

Most of the tables in this publication have been prepared entirely on a monthly basis, to provide easy comparison of data. With a few exceptions, annual and quarterly figures are expressed as Monthly Averages, and these can be converted to actual totals by multiplying by 12 and 3 respectively.

For example (from page 1 opposite):

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| Marriages in year 1958 -                |       |
| Monthly average                         | 542   |
| Therefore Annual total = 12 X 542 =     | 6,504 |
| (Actual figure is 6,505)                |       |
| Births in March quarter 1959 -          |       |
| Monthly average                         | 1,698 |
| Therefore quarterly total = 3 X 1,698 = | 5,094 |
| (Actual figure is 5,095)                |       |

The statistics as published can be adapted to give information in a number of different forms. For instance -

- (1) Details can be obtained for calendar or financial years as required, by addition of figures for the four relevant quarters.
- (2) Progress total for the year to date can be obtained by adding totals of quarters and months.

e.g. If May figures are the latest published, total for the 5 months to May = 3 X monthly average of March quarter + April and May.

This procedure can be used to calculate corresponding figures for the same period of the previous two years, or similar information on a financial year basis.

Details of production on pages 6 - 9 are for selected items only. Particulars for several commodities of considerable importance in this State have been withheld because publication would reveal confidential information.

It should be noted that in many cases particulars for the "current" month are not available when this bulletin is issued. In such instances, the most up-to-date information is shown.

### ABBREVIATIONS USED

Throughout this bulletin the following symbols have been used -

|      |                        |   |                              |
|------|------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| n.a. | Not available          | p | Preliminary figures          |
| ..   | Nil (or less than 0.5) | r | Revised since previous issue |

When the symbols "p" and "r" are placed in the column headed "Period" (as for example on page 11), they refer to all figures on that particular line.

DEMOGRAPHY

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| Period           | Births | Marriages | Deaths     |       | Net Migration | Population (b) |               |         |
|------------------|--------|-----------|------------|-------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------|
|                  |        |           | Infant (a) | Total |               | Whole State    | Metro-politan |         |
| MONTHLY AVERAGES |        |           |            |       |               |                |               |         |
| Year:            | 1954   | 1,519     | 516        | 32    | 598           | 961            | 808,243       | 490,300 |
|                  | 1955   | 1,541     | 519        | 36    | 628           | 1,286          | 834,635       | 508,700 |
|                  | 1956   | 1,580     | 523        | 31    | 633           | 1,326          | 861,912       | 526,500 |
|                  | 1957   | 1,628     | 548        | 34    | 631           | 1,028          | 886,203       | 542,300 |
|                  | 1958   | 1,671     | 542        | 37    | 645           | 790            | 907,992       | 555,200 |
| Quarter:         |        |           |            |       |               |                |               |         |
| Sept.            | 1956   | 1,671     | 466        | 37    | 830           | 1,005          | 854,063       | 521,700 |
| Dec.             |        | 1,610     | 536        | 27    | 560           | 1,567          | 861,912       | 526,500 |
| Mar.             | 1957   | 1,672     | 576        | 35    | 570           | 1,156          | 868,687       | 530,600 |
| June             |        | 1,513     | 572        | 27    | 582           | 547            | 873,123       | 534,300 |
| Sept.            |        | 1,755     | 485        | 43    | 787           | 1,391          | 880,200       | 538,600 |
| Dec.             |        | 1,572     | 561        | 30    | 586           | 1,016          | 886,203       | 542,300 |
| Mar.             | 1958   | 1,662     | 563        | 33    | 562           | 882            | 892,149       | 545,900 |
| June             |        | 1,619     | 575        | 31    | 607           | 521            | 896,750       | 548,000 |
| Sept.            |        | 1,715     | 485        | 46    | 767           | 712            | 901,728       | 551,200 |
| Dec.             |        | 1,687     | 546        | 41    | 646           | 1,047          | 907,992       | 555,200 |
| Mar.             | 1959   | 1,698     | 597        | 35    | 590           | 1,149          | 914,763       | 559,100 |
| June             |        | 1,630     | 543        | 30    | 638           | 1,032          | 920,835       | n.a.    |
| MONTHLY TOTALS   |        |           |            |       |               |                |               |         |
| June             | 1957   | 1,495     | 551        | 35    | 647           | NOT AVAILABLE  |               |         |
| July             |        | 1,542     | 411        | 37    | 669           |                |               |         |
| Aug.             |        | 1,989     | 467        | 44    | 831           |                |               |         |
| June             | 1958   | 1,436     | 497        | 27    | 664           | NOT AVAILABLE  |               |         |
| July             |        | 1,692     | 389        | 53    | 833           |                |               |         |
| Aug.             |        | 1,703     | 512        | 47    | 758           |                |               |         |
| June             | 1959   | 1,780     | 462        | 23    | 710           | NOT AVAILABLE  |               |         |
| July             |        | 2,074     | 424        | 62    | 1,012         |                |               |         |
| Aug.             |        | 1,673     | 459        | 42    | 835           |                |               |         |

(a) Under 1 year of age

(b) As at the end of each period.

NOTE: Population increases of the State can be calculated from the above figures as the sum of Natural Increase (Births minus Deaths) plus Net Migration.

## EMPLOYMENT AND BASIC WAGE

| Period |      | Employment (a) |                 |         |                             |                   | Basic Wage (b) |     |                 |
|--------|------|----------------|-----------------|---------|-----------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----|-----------------|
|        |      | Total          | Govern-<br>ment | Private | Principal Industrial Groups |                   |                |     |                 |
|        |      |                |                 |         | Factories                   | Const-<br>ruction |                |     | Retail<br>Trade |
|        |      | '000           | '000            | '000    | '000                        | '000              | '000           | s   | d               |
| MONTH  |      | MALES          |                 |         |                             |                   |                |     |                 |
| July   | 1955 | 181.5          | 55.9            | 125.6   | 72.7                        | 19.0              | 12.1           | 231 | 0               |
|        | 1956 | 187.0          | 57.1            | 129.9   | 73.6                        | 21.2              | 12.3           | 241 | 0               |
|        | 1957 | 185.8          | 58.6            | 127.2   | 72.7                        | 20.1              | 12.1           | 251 | 0               |
|        | 1958 | 185.8          | 59.2            | 126.6   | 73.0                        | 18.9              | 12.3           | 256 | 0               |
|        | 1959 | 191.4          | 61.8            | 129.6   | 75.2                        | 20.7              | 12.4           | 271 | 0               |
| June   | 1957 | 186.4          | 58.9            | 127.5   | 72.6                        | 20.3              | 12.2           | 251 | 0               |
| July   |      | 185.8          | 58.6            | 127.2   | 72.7                        | 20.1              | 12.1           | 251 | 0               |
| August |      | 185.9          | 58.4            | 127.5   | 72.8                        | 19.7              | 12.1           | 251 | 0               |
| June   | 1958 | 186.0          | 59.1            | 126.9   | 73.0                        | 19.0              | 12.4           | 256 | 0               |
| July   |      | 185.8          | 59.2            | 126.6   | 73.0                        | 18.9              | 12.3           | 256 | 0               |
| August |      | 185.7          | 59.1            | 126.6   | 73.0                        | 19.0              | 12.3           | 256 | 0               |
| June   | 1959 | 191.1          | 61.7            | 129.4   | 74.9                        | 20.6              | 12.4           | 271 | 0               |
| July   |      | 191.3          | 61.8            | 129.5   | 75.2                        | 20.7              | 12.4           | 271 | 0               |
| August |      | 191.7          | 62.0            | 129.7   | 75.4                        | 20.7              | 12.5           | 271 | 0               |
|        |      | FEMALES        |                 |         |                             |                   |                |     |                 |
| July   | 1955 | 60.1           | 12.5            | 47.6    | 15.6                        | 0.4               | 12.6           | 173 | 0               |
|        | 1956 | 62.7           | 13.6            | 49.1    | 15.6                        | 0.5               | 13.0           | 180 | 6               |
|        | 1957 | 62.5           | 14.0            | 48.5    | 15.7                        | 0.5               | 12.3           | 188 | 0               |
|        | 1958 | 63.4           | 14.8            | 48.6    | 15.8                        | 0.5               | 12.1           | 192 | 0               |
|        | 1959 | 65.7           | 16.0            | 49.7    | 16.0                        | 0.5               | 12.6           | 203 | 0               |
| June   | 1957 | 62.4           | 13.8            | 48.6    | 15.8                        | 0.5               | 12.3           | 188 | 0               |
| July   |      | 62.5           | 14.0            | 48.5    | 15.7                        | 0.5               | 12.3           | 188 | 0               |
| August |      | 62.6           | 14.0            | 48.6    | 15.9                        | 0.5               | 12.2           | 188 | 0               |
| June   | 1958 | 63.4           | 14.5            | 48.9    | 15.9                        | 0.5               | 12.2           | 192 | 0               |
| July   |      | 63.4           | 14.8            | 48.6    | 15.8                        | 0.5               | 12.1           | 192 | 0               |
| August |      | 63.3           | 14.8            | 48.5    | 15.6                        | 0.5               | 12.1           | 192 | 0               |
| June   | 1959 | 65.5           | 15.8            | 49.7    | 16.0                        | 0.5               | 12.6           | 203 | 0               |
| July   |      | 65.7           | 16.0            | 49.7    | 16.0                        | 0.5               | 12.6           | 203 | 0               |
| August |      | 65.8           | 16.0            | 49.8    | 16.2                        | 0.5               | 12.5           | 203 | 0               |

(a) Last pay-day during month

(b) At end of month



UNEMPLOYMENT

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| Period                  | Registered with<br>Commonwealth Employment Service |                               |  | Unemployment Benefits |                |                                 |
|-------------------------|--|-------------------------------|--|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
|                         | Vacancies<br>filled                                | Vacancies<br>available<br>(a) | Applicants<br>awaiting<br>placement<br>(a) (b) | Persons<br>admitted   | Amount<br>paid | Persons<br>on<br>Benefit<br>(a) |
| <u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u> | No.  | No.                           | No.  | No.                   | £              | No.                             |
| Year: 1954              | 1,896  | 6,583                         | 1,104  | 55                    | 1,506          | 64                              |
| 1955                    | 1,953  | 6,410                         | 1,298  | 39                    | 743            | 56                              |
| 1956                    | 1,902  | 1,668                         | 3,299  | 365                   | 4,869          | 978                             |
| 1957                    | 1,746  | 1,430                         | 4,593  | 624                   | 15,563         | 1,568                           |
| 1958                    | 1,865  | 2,059                         | 5,240  | 898                   | 33,212         | 1,703                           |
| Quarter:                |  |                               |  |                       |                |                                 |
| Sept. 1956              | 1,602  | 1,742                         | 2,893  | 606                   | 7,641          | 674                             |
| Dec. 1956               | 1,666  | 1,668                         | 3,299  | 574                   | 9,426          | 978                             |
| Mar. 1957               | 2,186  | 1,365                         | 3,294  | 395                   | 10,914         | 481                             |
| June 1957               | 1,594  | 1,084                         | 4,152  | 629                   | 9,904          | 1,054                           |
| Sept. 1957              | 1,586  | 1,385                         | 4,164  | 791                   | 17,683         | 1,233                           |
| Dec. 1957               | 1,621  | 1,430                         | 4,593  | 680                   | 23,749         | 1,568                           |
| Mar. 1958               | 2,463  | 1,050                         | 5,484  | 892                   | 26,547         | 1,521                           |
| June 1958               | 1,495  | 948                           | 5,873  | 1,128                 | 33,871         | 2,258                           |
| Sept. 1958              | 1,604  | 1,344                         | 5,439  | 961                   | 42,136         | 1,930                           |
| Dec. 1958               | 1,899  | 2,059                         | 5,240  | 613                   | 30,296         | 1,703                           |
| Mar. 1959               | 2,543  | 1,526                         | 5,140  | 667                   | 24,109         | 1,116                           |
| June 1959               | 2,198  | 1,581                         | 4,824  | 668                   | 24,259         | 1,332                           |
| <u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>   |  |                               |  |                       |                |                                 |
| June 1957               | 1,367  | 1,084                         | 4,152  | 827                   | 14,294         | 1,054                           |
| July 1957               | 1,340  | 1,020                         | 4,430  | 911                   | 14,193         | 1,345                           |
| Aug. 1957               | 1,686  | 1,292                         | 4,502  | 850                   | 21,822         | 1,320                           |
| June 1958               | 1,260  | 948                           | 5,873  | 1,001                 | 43,399         | 2,258                           |
| July 1958               | 1,635  | 1,053                         | 6,088  | 1,044                 | 38,302         | 2,385                           |
| Aug. 1958               | 1,389  | 1,197                         | 5,938  | 1,132                 | 40,322         | 2,204                           |
| June 1959               | 1,729  | 1,581                         | 4,824  | 573                   | 24,064         | 1,332                           |
| July 1959               | 2,177  | 1,593                         | 5,190  | 687                   | 23,516         | 1,444                           |
| Aug. 1959               | 1,848  | 1,803                         | 5,129  | 757                   | 22,503         | 1,411                           |

(a) Actual numbers as at the end of the period.

(b) Applicants who stated when registering that they were unemployed. Includes recipients of Unemployment Benefits.

## BUILDINGS - COMMENCEMENTS AND COMPLETIONS

(WHOLE STATE)

| Period           | Dwellings |                | Other Buildings |                | Total Buildings |                |
|------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
|                  | Number    | Value<br>£'000 | Number          | Value<br>£'000 | Number          | Value<br>£'000 |
| COMMENCEMENTS    |           |                |                 |                |                 |                |
| MONTHLY AVERAGES |           |                |                 |                |                 |                |
| Year: 1954-55    | 608       | 1,814          | 64              | 682            | 672             | 2,496          |
| 1955-56          | 710       | 2,217          | 71              | 1,383          | 781             | 3,600          |
| 1956-57          | 594       | 1,882          | 68              | 775            | 662             | 2,657          |
| 1957-58          | 622       | 1,999          | 62              | 972            | 684             | 2,971          |
| 1958-59          | 741       | 2,378          | 81              | 1,183          | 822             | 3,561          |
| Quarter:         |           |                |                 |                |                 |                |
| Sept. 1956       | 612       | 1,918          | 69              | 666            | 681             | 2,584          |
| Dec. 1956        | 620       | 1,884          | 57              | 546            | 677             | 2,430          |
| Mar. 1957        | 540       | 1,723          | 79              | 1,249          | 619             | 2,972          |
| June 1957        | 605       | 2,002          | 66              | 641            | 671             | 2,643          |
| Sept. 1957       | 687       | 2,245          | 73              | 784            | 760             | 3,029          |
| Dec. 1957        | 593       | 1,892          | 60              | 818            | 653             | 2,710          |
| Mar. 1958        | 556       | 1,757          | 59              | 1,204          | 615             | 2,961          |
| June 1958        | 651       | 2,104          | 57              | 1,083          | 708             | 3,187          |
| Sept. 1958       | 725       | 2,369          | 91              | 1,243          | 816             | 3,612          |
| Dec. 1958        | 709       | 2,244          | 84              | 1,145          | 793             | 3,389          |
| Mar. 1959        | 685       | 2,205          | 67              | 1,021          | 752             | 3,226          |
| June 1959        | 844       | 2,696          | 84              | 1,324          | 928             | 4,020          |
| COMPLETIONS      |           |                |                 |                |                 |                |
| Year: 1954-55    | 621       | 1,771          | 67              | 486            | 688             | 2,257          |
| 1955-56          | 652       | 1,993          | 69              | 817            | 721             | 2,810          |
| 1956-57          | 619       | 1,974          | 69              | 859            | 688             | 2,833          |
| 1957-58          | 666       | 2,182          | 67              | 989            | 733             | 3,171          |
| 1958-59          | 733       | 2,385          | 75              | 1,315          | 808             | 3,700          |
| Quarter:         |           |                |                 |                |                 |                |
| Sept. 1956       | 620       | 1,957          | 74              | 677            | 694             | 2,634          |
| Dec. 1956        | 695       | 2,152          | 66              | 834            | 761             | 2,986          |
| Mar. 1957        | 561       | 1,832          | 60              | 1,031          | 621             | 2,863          |
| June 1957        | 602       | 1,957          | 75              | 893            | 677             | 2,850          |
| Sept. 1957       | 675       | 2,219          | 68              | 784            | 743             | 3,003          |
| Dec. 1957        | 712       | 2,338          | 83              | 1,055          | 795             | 3,393          |
| Mar. 1958        | 624       | 2,047          | 56              | 981            | 680             | 3,028          |
| June 1958        | 652       | 2,122          | 62              | 1,136          | 714             | 3,258          |
| Sept. 1958       | 736       | 2,384          | 63              | 860            | 799             | 3,244          |
| Dec. 1958        | 748       | 2,406          | 82              | 2,279          | 830             | 4,685          |
| Mar. 1959        | 661       | 2,137          | 73              | 1,021          | 734             | 3,158          |
| June 1959        | 788       | 2,612          | 81              | 1,100          | 869             | 3,712          |

BUILDINGS - PERMITS

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(METROPOLITAN AREA)

| Period                  | Dwellings |                | Other Buildings |                | Total Buildings |                |
|-------------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
|                         | Number    | Value<br>£'000 | Number          | Value<br>£'000 | Number          | Value<br>£'000 |
| <u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u> |           |                |                 |                |                 |                |
| Year: 1954-55           | 483       | 1,350          | 54              | 495            | 537             | 1,845          |
| 1955-56                 | 482       | 1,464          | 55              | 616            | 537             | 2,080          |
| 1956-57                 | 398       | 1,204          | 50              | 322            | 448             | 1,526          |
| 1957-58                 | 425       | 1,293          | 49              | 447            | 474             | 1,740          |
| 1958-59                 | 454       | 1,437          | 38              | 516            | 492             | 1,953          |
| Quarter:                |           |                |                 |                |                 |                |
| Sept. 1956              | 377       | 1,149          | 50              | 291            | 427             | 1,440          |
| Dec.                    | 384       | 1,133          | 45              | 265            | 429             | 1,398          |
| Mar. 1957               | 326       | 1,034          | 50              | 298            | 376             | 1,332          |
| June                    | 504       | 1,498          | 54              | 433            | 558             | 1,931          |
| Sept.                   | 514       | 1,588          | 53              | 423            | 567             | 2,011          |
| Dec.                    | 402       | 1,199          | 47              | 350            | 449             | 1,549          |
| Mar. 1958               | 351       | 1,085          | 46              | 627            | 397             | 1,712          |
| June                    | 435       | 1,301          | 50              | 387            | 485             | 1,688          |
| Sept.                   | 523       | 1,668          | 46              | 559            | 569             | 2,227          |
| Dec.                    | 409       | 1,254          | 37              | 567            | 446             | 1,821          |
| Mar. 1959               | 419       | 1,349          | 31              | 430            | 450             | 1,779          |
| June                    | 465       | 1,475          | 37              | 507            | 502             | 1,982          |
| <u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>   |           |                |                 |                |                 |                |
| June 1957               | 579       | 1,631          | 66              | 449            | 645             | 2,080          |
| July                    | 434       | 1,397          | 59              | 242            | 493             | 1,639          |
| Aug.                    | 608       | 1,724          | 48              | 563            | 656             | 2,287          |
| June 1958               | 508       | 1,362          | 56              | 358            | 564             | 1,720          |
| July                    | 601       | 1,889          | 49              | 670            | 650             | 2,559          |
| Aug.                    | 500       | 1,432          | 47              | 402            | 547             | 1,834          |
| June 1959               | 618       | 1,831          | 36              | 544            | 654             | 2,375          |
| July                    | 566       | 1,800          | 42              | 980            | 608             | 2,780          |
| Aug.                    | 485       | 1,575          | 36              | 289            | 521             | 1,864          |

PRODUCTION - SELECTED COMMODITIES

| Period                  | Coal   | Iron<br>Ore<br>(a) | Electricity | Clay<br>Bricks<br>(b) | Cement<br>Roofing<br>Tiles | Sawn<br>Timber<br>(c) |
|-------------------------|--------|--------------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
|                         | tons   | tons               | '000 K.W.H. | '000                  | '000                       | '000 sup.ft.          |
| <u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u> |        |                    |             |                       |                            |                       |
| Year: 1954-55           | 41,343 | 247,561            | 93,270      | 6,069                 | 694                        | 6,829                 |
| 1955-56                 | 37,555 | 268,980            | 100,293     | 6,235                 | 805                        | 8,295                 |
| 1956-57                 | 43,829 | 297,834            | 109,601     | 6,409                 | 687                        | 7,773                 |
| 1957-58                 | 59,131 | 276,729            | 131,737     | 6,998                 | 650                        | 6,909                 |
| 1958-59                 | 61,269 | 284,697            | p 132,643   | p 8,787               | p 664                      | p 9,615               |
| Quarter:                |        |                    |             |                       |                            |                       |
| Sept. 1957              | 64,656 | 263,655            | 142,000     | 7,194                 | 669                        | 6,505                 |
| Dec.                    | 50,323 | 295,178            | 129,100     | 6,890                 | 640                        | 6,263                 |
| Mar. 1958               | 63,951 | 273,373            | 126,000     | 6,709                 | 633                        | 6,839                 |
| June                    | 57,593 | 274,712            | 129,800     | 7,200                 | 658                        | 8,030                 |
| Sept.                   | 69,083 | 287,921            | p 141,816   | p 8,852               | p 679                      | p 8,814               |
| Dec.                    | 61,046 | 281,526            | p 120,434   | p 8,861               | p 574                      | p 9,091               |
| Mar. 1959               | 54,418 | 278,090            | p 128,145   | p 7,989               | p 584                      | p 8,847               |
| June                    | 60,530 | 291,251            | p 140,179   | p 9,445               | p 820                      | p 11,708              |
| <u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>   |        |                    |             |                       |                            |                       |
| June 1957               | 46,846 | n.a.               | n.a.        | n.a.                  | n.a.                       | n.a.                  |
| July                    | 63,332 | n.a.               | 146,800     | 7,495                 | 696                        | 6,985                 |
| Aug.                    | 67,084 | n.a.               | 146,200     | 6,891                 | 654                        | 6,111                 |
| June 1958               | 46,540 | n.a.               | 133,300     | 7,167                 | 614                        | 9,907                 |
| July                    | 68,539 | n.a.               | p 155,898   | p 9,409               | p 752                      | p 8,866               |
| Aug.                    | 69,800 | n.a.               | p 138,309   | p 8,351               | p 635                      | p 8,844               |
| June 1959               | 60,833 | n.a.               | p 159,547   | p 8,908               | p 842                      | p 13,008              |
| July                    | 52,038 | n.a.               | p 165,606   | p 9,688               | p 930                      | p 11,708              |
| Aug.                    | 56,334 | n.a.               | p 150,877   | p 9,101               | p 847                      | p 10,764              |

(a) Includes Jaspalite

(b) Standard size, common and coloured

(c) From Australian logs only.

PRODUCTION - SELECTED COMMODITIES

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| Period                  | Fibrous<br>Plaster<br>Sheets | Stainless<br>Steel<br>Sinks | Electric<br>Storage<br>Hot Water<br>Systems | Electric<br>Washing<br>Machines | Bath<br>Heaters | Caravans |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---------------------------------|-----------------|----------|
|                         | Sq.Yds                       | No.                         | No.   | No.                             | No.             | No.      |
| <u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u> |                              |                             |   |                                 |                 |          |
| Year: 1954-55           | 91,417                       | 1,352                       | 478   | 6,432                           | 1,014           | 29       |
| 1955-56                 | 86,102                       | 1,217                       | 509   | 5,897                           | 1,007           | 63       |
| 1956-57                 | 74,868                       | 1,014                       | 379   | 4,348                           | 951             | 66       |
| 1957-58                 | 76,293                       | 947                         | 428   | 5,182                           | 902             | 70       |
| 1958-59 p               | 84,852                       | 1,201                       | 487   | 6,467                           | 830             | 77       |
| Quarter:                |                              |                             |   |                                 |                 |          |
| Sept. 1957              | 80,699                       | 1,019                       | 471   | 4,575                           | 1,178           | 66       |
| Dec.                    | 78,621                       | 1,008                       | 416   | 4,673                           | 980             | 87       |
| Mar. 1958               | 67,394                       | 924                         | 376   | 5,121                           | 666             | 73       |
| June                    | 78,457                       | 838                         | 448   | 6,359                           | 784             | 55       |
| Sept. p                 | 88,825                       | 988                         | 399   | 6,647                           | 1,041           | 76       |
| Dec. p                  | 81,838                       | 1,027                       | 509   | 6,528                           | 863             | 111      |
| Mar. 1959 p             | 79,844                       | 1,066                       | 472   | 5,413                           | 679             | 61       |
| June p                  | 88,902                       | 1,722                       | 568   | 7,278                           | 737             | 59       |
| <u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>   |                              |                             |   |                                 |                 |          |
| June 1957               | n.a.                         | n.a.                        | n.a.  | n.a.                            | n.a.            | n.a.     |
| July                    | 83,063                       | 1,038                       | 500   | 4,528                           | 1,238           | 61       |
| Aug.                    | 78,636                       | 1,142                       | 455   | 4,723                           | 1,159           | 64       |
| June 1958               | 75,552                       | 827                         | 448   | 5,416                           | 909             | 44       |
| July p                  | 92,971                       | 1,086                       | r 221                                       | 6,780                           | 990             | 47       |
| Aug. p                  | 85,523                       | 964                         | 447   | 6,503                           | 1,172           | 61       |
| June 1959 p             | 85,444                       | 1,745                       | 628   | 7,608                           | 782             | 58       |
| July p                  | 105,161                      | 2,490                       | 744   | 7,726                           | 916             | 63       |
| Aug. p                  | 98,055                       | 2,249                       | 617   | 6,460                           | 934             | 82       |

PRODUCTION - SELECTED COMMODITIES

| Period                  | Inner<br>Spring<br>Mattresses | Boots, Shoes<br>and Sandals<br>(a) | Slippers | Meat (b)         |                    |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------|------------------|--------------------|
|                         |                               |                                    |          | Beef and<br>Veal | Lamb and<br>Mutton |
|                         | No.                           | pairs                              | pairs    | tons             | tons               |
| <u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u> |                               |                                    |          |                  |                    |
| Year: 1954-55           | 2,784                         | 119,984                            | 7,969    | 2,869            | 4,154              |
| 1955-56                 | 3,526                         | 122,366                            | 5,746    | 3,126            | 3,695              |
| 1956-57                 | 3,601                         | 127,556                            | 5,796    | 3,355            | 3,547              |
| 1957-58                 | 4,127                         | 134,125                            | 5,134    | 3,423            | 4,473              |
| 1958-59 p               | 4,142                         | 130,500                            | 2,979    | 3,479            | 4,510              |
| Quarter:                |                               |                                    |          |                  |                    |
| Sept. 1957              | 4,331                         | 145,199                            | 4,939    | 3,461            | 3,484              |
| Dec.                    | 4,383                         | 124,952                            | 6,435    | 3,420            | 6,460              |
| Mar. 1958               | 3,981                         | 122,716                            | 4,412    | 3,280            | 4,549              |
| June                    | 3,814                         | 143,633                            | 4,748    | 3,529            | 3,401              |
| Sept. p                 | 4,190                         | 140,894                            | 3,963    | 3,102            | 3,780              |
| Dec. p                  | 4,215                         | 126,061                            | 3,299    | 3,631            | 6,634              |
| Mar. 1959 p             | 3,813                         | 105,090                            | 1,674    | 3,636            | 4,036              |
| June p                  | 4,349                         | 149,955                            | 2,980    | 3,548            | 3,589              |
| <u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>   |                               |                                    |          |                  |                    |
| June 1957               | n.a.                          | n.a.                               | n.a.     | 3,377            | 2,878              |
| July                    | 4,505                         | 151,038                            | 5,383    | 3,847            | 3,375              |
| Aug.                    | 4,565                         | 142,682                            | 4,840    | 3,345            | 2,990              |
| June 1958               | 3,836                         | 128,790                            | 4,126    | 3,195            | 3,065              |
| July p                  | 3,686                         | 150,634                            | 3,610    | 3,873            | 3,982              |
| Aug. p                  | 4,567                         | 135,661                            | 5,236    | 2,758            | 3,334              |
| June 1959 p             | 4,514                         | 142,370                            | 2,518    | 3,555            | 3,849              |
| July p                  | 4,465                         | 150,863                            | 1,966    | 3,695            | 4,132              |
| Aug. p                  | 4,638                         | 127,685                            | 2,592    | 2,679            | 3,849              |

(a) Excludes infants' soft-soled nursery footwear.

(b) Bone-in weight

PRODUCTION - SELECTED COMMODITIES

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| Period                  | Butter<br>(a) | Cheese<br>(a) | Bacon<br>and Ham<br>(b) | Jam<br>(c) | Confect-<br>ionery | Margarine |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|-----------|
| '000 lbs.               |               |               |                         |            |                    |           |
| <u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u> |               |               |                         |            |                    |           |
| Year: 1954-55           | 1,588         | 2,446         | 582                     | 378        | 357                | 171       |
| 1955-56                 | 1,598         | 2,358         | 617                     | 509        | 391                | 190       |
| 1956-57                 | 1,576         | 2,232         | 590                     | 654        | 415                | 238       |
| 1957-58                 | 1,313         | 1,959         | 554                     | 671        | 409                | 257       |
| 1958-59 p               | 1,317         | 2,084         | 541                     | 410        | 450                | 273       |
| Quarter:                |               |               |                         |            |                    |           |
| Sept. 1957              | 1,625         | 2,565         | 544                     | 493        | 471                | 315       |
| Dec. 1957               | 1,885         | 3,491         | 680                     | 313        | 385                | 216       |
| Mar. 1958               | 884           | 966           | 500                     | 1,439      | 351                | 230       |
| June 1958               | 856           | 815           | 493                     | 438        | 429                | 267       |
| Sept. 1958 p            | 1,575         | 2,428         | 538                     | 551        | 520                | 314       |
| Dec. 1958 p             | 1,911         | 3,736         | 669                     | 207        | 430                | 238       |
| Mar. 1959 p             | 906           | 1,233         | 454                     | 605        | 348                | 257       |
| June 1959 p             | 876           | 939           | 505                     | 275        | 500                | 284       |
| <u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>   |               |               |                         |            |                    |           |
| June 1957               | 1,100         | 1,335         | n.a.                    | n.a.       | n.a.               | n.a.      |
| July 1957               | 1,407         | 1,834         | 530                     | 519        | 508                | 410       |
| Aug. 1957               | 1,613         | 2,458         | 581                     | 484        | 473                | 271       |
| June 1958               | 1,100         | 1,312         | 459                     | 482        | 439                | 262       |
| July 1958 p             | 1,277         | 1,643         | 532                     | 529        | 568                | 390       |
| Aug. 1958 p             | 1,556         | 2,363         | 500                     | 592        | 477                | 236       |
| June 1959 p             | 1,013         | 1,195         | 514                     | 249        | 553                | 289       |
| July 1959 p             | 1,068         | 1,546         | 544                     | 393        | 590                | 389       |
| Aug. 1959 p             | 1,268         | 2,125         | 524                     | 241        | 641                | 246       |

(a) Factory production only.

(b) Finished weight

(c) Includes conserves, fruit spreads, fruit butter etc.

## EXPORTS - QUANTITY OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES

| Period                  | Lamb     | Wheat     | Barley    | Wool<br>(a) | Lead<br>(PIG) | Minerals<br>(b) |
|-------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|
|                         | '000 lbs | '000 bush | '000 bush | '000 lbs    | '000 cwt      | '000 cwt        |
| <u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u> |          |           |           |             |               |                 |
| Year: 1954-55           | 2,136    | 1,164     | 1,228     | 9,763       | 229           | 421             |
| 1955-56                 | 1,437    | 1,325     | 1,159     | 11,772      | 239           | 470             |
| 1956-57                 | 1,123    | 1,677     | 1,559     | 12,967      | 268           | 491             |
| 1957-58                 | 1,394    | 1,229     | 1,466     | 11,516      | 272           | 655             |
| 1958-59 p               | 1,790    | 1,212     | 1,483     | 13,056      | 237           | 510             |
| Quarter:                |          |           |           |             |               |                 |
| Sept. 1956              | 722      | 1,470     | 2,019     | 9,722       | 193           | 549             |
| Dec.                    | 2,981    | 1,880     | 194       | 14,223      | 346           | 534             |
| Mar. 1957               | 782      | 1,809     | 2,137     | 13,492      | 290           | 451             |
| June                    | 6        | 1,549     | 1,887     | 14,432      | 243           | 428             |
| Sept.                   | 148      | 1,366     | 2,600     | 10,665      | 262           | 1,038           |
| Dec.                    | 3,980    | 1,584     | 1,118     | 14,817      | 253           | 630             |
| Mar. 1958               | 1,075    | 1,136     | 856       | 10,970      | 301           | 554             |
| June                    | 374      | 829       | 1,290     | 9,610       | 270           | 397             |
| Sept. p                 | 558      | 914       | 1,458     | 9,671       | 203           | 555             |
| Dec. p                  | 4,389    | 1,044     | 132       | 16,311      | 252           | 571             |
| Mar. 1959 p             | 2,161    | 1,678     | 2,415     | 12,850      | 241           | 278             |
| June p                  | 51       | 1,212     | 1,926     | 13,390      | 253           | 636             |
| <u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>   |          |           |           |             |               |                 |
| June 1957               | 18       | 2,047     | 2,876     | 11,161      | 140           | 336             |
| July                    | 1        | 1,498     | 2,530     | 15,317      | 189           | 1,293           |
| August                  | ..       | 1,957     | 3,247     | 3,567       | 282           | 827             |
| June 1958               | 665      | 775       | 2,147     | 9,348       | 327           | 255             |
| July p                  | 122      | 986       | 2,765     | 11,340      | 298           | 539             |
| August p                | 192      | 924       | 1,196     | 5,599       | 112           | 216             |
| June 1959 p             | 32       | 1,131     | 1,925     | 12,050      | 206           | 694             |
| July p                  | 6        | 1,852     | 521       | 14,716      | 137           | 218             |
| August p                | 169      | 2,373     | 2,267     | 8,380       | 219           | 610             |

(a) Greasy, including scoured converted to greasy equivalent.

(b) Mainly copper, lead and zinc concentrates and ores.



## EXPORTS - VALUE OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES

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| Period                  | Total Exports | Lamb  | Wheat | Barley | Wool  | Lead (Pig) | Minerals (a) |
|-------------------------|---------------|-------|-------|--------|-------|------------|--------------|
|                         | £'000         | £'000 | £'000 | £'000  | £'000 | £'000      | £'000        |
| <u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u> |               |       |       |        |       |            |              |
| Year: 1954-55           | 8,139         | 223   | 825   | 658    | 2,883 | 1,399      | 406          |
| 1955-56                 | 7,923         | 141   | 921   | 586    | 2,919 | 1,598      | 397          |
| 1956-57                 | 10,244        | 95    | 1,152 | 772    | 4,122 | 1,834      | 599          |
| 1957-58                 | 8,323         | 139   | 890   | 716    | 3,045 | 1,309      | 653          |
| 1958-59 p               | 7,578         | 179   | 847   | 855    | 2,628 | 1,036      | 435          |
| Quarter:                |               |       |       |        |       |            |              |
| Sept. 1956              | 8,582         | 61    | 974   | 996    | 2,730 | 1,340      | 867          |
| Dec. 1956               | 10,498        | 252   | 1,295 | 1,112  | 4,378 | 2,434      | 493          |
| Mar. 1957               | 11,072        | 65    | 1,274 | 1,101  | 4,408 | 2,007      | 578          |
| June 1957               | 10,822        | 1     | 1,066 | 881    | 4,970 | 1,556      | 458          |
| Sept. 1957              | 9,476         | 15    | 960   | 1,186  | 3,258 | 1,454      | 1,095        |
| Dec. 1957               | 9,502         | 398   | 1,142 | 502    | 4,060 | 1,291      | 745          |
| Mar. 1958               | 7,462         | 104   | 830   | 470    | 2,747 | 1,316      | 402          |
| June 1958               | 6,854         | 37    | 630   | 705    | 2,115 | 1,173      | 368          |
| Sept. 1958 p            | 6,426         | 56    | 686   | 804    | 2,020 | 867        | 433          |
| Dec. 1958 p             | 7,540         | 439   | 763   | 78     | 3,160 | 1,178      | 497          |
| Mar. 1959 p             | 8,002         | 215   | 1,150 | 1,437  | 2,466 | 1,042      | 155          |
| June 1959 p             | 8,343         | 5     | 790   | 1,101  | 2,869 | 1,059      | 653          |
| <u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>   |               |       |       |        |       |            |              |
| June 1957               | 9,163         | r 2   | 1,400 | 1,325  | 3,876 | 879        | 232          |
| July 1957               | 10,791        | ..    | 1,031 | 1,152  | 4,588 | 1,083      | 1,439        |
| August 1957             | 8,050         | ..    | 1,373 | 1,496  | 1,164 | 1,563      | 726          |
| June 1958               | 6,724         | 66    | 615   | 1,090  | 1,984 | 1,431      | 75           |
| July 1958 p             | 7,969         | 12    | 743   | 1,518  | 2,370 | 1,275      | 675          |
| August 1958 p           | 4,927         | 19    | 684   | 676    | 1,204 | 484        | 175          |
| June 1959 p             | 7,952         | 3     | 761   | 1,098  | 2,656 | 890        | 846          |
| July 1959 p             | 7,226         | 1     | 1,261 | 269    | 3,209 | 555        | 74           |
| August 1959 p           | 8,490         | 17    | 1,658 | 1,097  | 1,861 | 951        | 952          |

(a) See note (b) previous page.

## IMPORTS - VALUE OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES

| Period                  | Total Imports | Motor Vehicles & Parts | Machinery              |       | Iron & Steel<br>(b) | Textiles | Timber |
|-------------------------|---------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------|---------------------|----------|--------|
|                         |               |                        | Electric Motors<br>(a) | Other |                     |          |        |
|                         | £'000         | £'000                  | £'000                  | £'000 | £'000               | £'000    | £'000  |
| <u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u> |               |                        |                        |       |                     |          |        |
| Year: 1954-55           | 5,400         | 886                    | 225                    | 638   | 607                 | 350      | 209    |
| 1955-56                 | 5,229         | 707                    | 289                    | 661   | 582                 | 281      | 281    |
| 1956-57                 | 3,784         | 378                    | 230                    | 551   | 282                 | 208      | 234    |
| 1957-58                 | 3,925         | 367                    | 251                    | 614   | 212                 | 263      | 223    |
| 1958-59 p               | 3,779         | 428                    | 314                    | 556   | 166                 | 235      | 173    |
| Quarter:                |               |                        |                        |       |                     |          |        |
| Sept. 1956              | 4,770         | 606                    | 302                    | 689   | 406                 | 238      | 218    |
| Dec. 1956               | 3,743         | 372                    | 198                    | 535   | 201                 | 186      | 260    |
| Mar. 1957               | 3,428         | 298                    | 222                    | 507   | 279                 | 202      | 233    |
| June 1957               | 3,195         | 234                    | 197                    | 472   | 241                 | 205      | 225    |
| Sept. 1957              | 4,357         | 398                    | 297                    | 786   | 276                 | 294      | 192    |
| Dec. 1957               | 3,964         | 399                    | 209                    | 600   | 184                 | 225      | 217    |
| Mar. 1958               | 4,052         | 369                    | 315                    | 621   | 231                 | 302      | 245    |
| June 1958               | 3,328         | 304                    | 181                    | 447   | 157                 | 230      | 238    |
| Sept. 1958 p            | 3,656         | 426                    | 288                    | 514   | 167                 | 255      | 215    |
| Dec. 1958 p             | 3,963         | 325                    | 261                    | 564   | 162                 | 221      | 170    |
| Mar. 1959 p             | 3,646         | 317                    | 397                    | 548   | 188                 | 257      | 124    |
| June 1959 p             | 3,849         | 646                    | 308                    | 599   | 146                 | 207      | 182    |
| <u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>   |               |                        |                        |       |                     |          |        |
| June 1957               | 1,952         | 126                    | 174                    | 272   | 200                 | 110      | 154    |
| July 1957               | 5,508         | 587                    | 354                    | 1,083 | 364                 | 385      | 256    |
| August 1957             | 3,815         | 347                    | 275                    | 726   | 164                 | 226      | 193    |
| June 1958               | 3,969         | 381                    | 230                    | 510   | 179                 | 283      | 300    |
| July 1958 p r           | 3,365         | r 322                  | 319                    | 448   | 153                 | 215      | 192    |
| August 1958 p           | 4,037         | 739                    | 309                    | 499   | 185                 | 263      | 134    |
| June 1959 p             | 3,574         | 477                    | 166                    | 637   | 174                 | 214      | 153    |
| July 1959 p             | 4,336         | 523                    | 283                    | 652   | 190                 | 204      | 170    |
| August 1959 p           | 4,833         | 482                    | 308                    | 531   | 107                 | 296      | 234    |

- (a) Dynamo electrical machinery and electrical appliances and equipment.
- (b) Metal and semi-manufactures (basic shapes), except wire, but including structural iron and steel.

| Period                   | New Motor Vehicles Registered  |         |                |                    | Licences Issued |             | Telephone Services Connected |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------------------|
|                          | Total (a)                      | Cars    | Station Wagons | Trucks & Utilities | Radio           | Tele-vision |                              |
| <u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>  | Number of New Registrations    |         |                |                    | No.             | No.         | No.                          |
| Year: 1954               | 2,055                          | 1,341   | 13             | 456                | 1,537           | ..          | 1,145                        |
| 1955                     | 2,309                          | 1,567   | 19             | 461                | 1,366           | ..          | 1,106                        |
| 1956                     | 1,937                          | 1,278   | 23             | 414                | 1,627           | ..          | 1,325                        |
| 1957                     | 1,906                          | 1,279   | 51             | 367                | 1,486           | ..          | 1,337                        |
| 1958                     | 1,966                          | 1,246   | 152            | 357                | 1,692           | ..          | 1,438                        |
| Quarter: -               |                                |         |                |                    |                 |             |                              |
| Sept. 1956               | 1,897                          | 1,312   | 26             | 350                | 2,220           | ..          | 1,364                        |
| Dec. 1956                | 2,080                          | 1,387   | 24             | 447                | 1,481           | ..          | 1,304                        |
| Mar. 1957                | 1,804                          | 1,221   | 22             | 379                | 1,391           | ..          | 1,180                        |
| June 1957                | 1,848                          | 1,233   | 56             | 366                | 1,642           | ..          | 1,195                        |
| Sept. 1957               | 1,863                          | 1,249   | 52             | 350                | 1,572           | ..          | 1,557                        |
| Dec. 1957                | 2,108                          | 1,412   | 76             | 373                | 1,340           | ..          | 1,414                        |
| Mar. 1958                | 1,863                          | 1,160   | 100            | 342                | 1,326           | ..          | 1,592                        |
| June 1958                | 1,938                          | 1,268   | 145            | 324                | 1,850           | ..          | 1,334                        |
| Sept. 1958               | 1,891                          | 1,209   | 158            | 343                | 1,799           | ..          | 1,334                        |
| Dec. 1958                | 2,158                          | 1,340   | 204            | 414                | 1,795           | ..          | 1,492                        |
| Mar. 1959                | 1,929                          | 1,156   | 199            | 389                | 1,444           | ..          | 1,341                        |
| June 1959                | 1,947                          | 1,088   | 234            | 403                | 1,897           | 2,007       | 2,032                        |
| <u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>    |                                |         |                |                    |                 |             |                              |
| June 1957                | 1,862                          | 1,267   | 53             | 316                | 1,522           | ..          | 1,172                        |
| July 1957                | 1,824                          | 1,280   | 29             | 335                | 1,735           | ..          | 1,873                        |
| Aug. 1957                | 1,699                          | 1,043   | 63             | 366                | 1,501           | ..          | 1,479                        |
| June 1958                | 1,568                          | 1,023   | 130            | 269                | 1,419           | ..          | 1,344                        |
| July 1958                | 1,802                          | 1,181   | 137            | 332                | 2,120           | ..          | 1,428                        |
| Aug. 1958                | 1,877                          | 1,181   | 162            | 329                | 1,585           | ..          | 1,348                        |
| June 1959                | 1,833                          | 1,059   | 235            | 320                | 1,775           | 2,222       | 2,763                        |
| July 1959                | 2,002                          | 1,128   | 272            | 417                | 1,805           | 2,466       | 1,602                        |
| Aug. 1959                | 2,094                          | 1,228   | 296            | 335                | 1,524           | 3,169       | 1,702                        |
| <u>AS AT 31st AUGUST</u> | Total Vehicles on Register (b) |         |                |                    | Total (c)       |             |                              |
| 1957                     | 251,964                        | 165,793 |                | 65,387             | 233,707         | ..          | 160,354                      |
| 1958                     | 260,477                        | 173,653 |                | 66,159             | 240,484         | ..          | 171,402                      |
| 1959                     | 264,721                        | 181,759 |                | 65,082             | 248,042         | 11,656      | 183,864                      |

(a) Includes other types of vehicles, e.g. Buses, Motor Cycles.

(b) Figures supplied by Registrar of Motor Vehicles - NOT directly comparable with New Registrations, e.g. Cars include station wagons.

(c) Total existing licences and phones includes Northern Territory (as at 30th June, 1959, Radio licences 3,260, Phones 3,211).

## RETAIL SALES

| Period                  | Food-<br>stuffs<br>(a) | Beer,<br>Wine &<br>Spirits | Clothing<br>Footwear<br>etc. | Elect-<br>rical<br>Goods<br>(b) | Other<br>Goods<br>(c) | Total<br>(excl.<br>motor<br>vehicles) | Motor<br>Vehicles |
|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u> |                        | £ million                  |                              |                                 |                       |                                       |                   |
| Year: 1952-53           | 4.0                    | 1.2                        | 2.8                          | 0.6                             | 3.4                   | 12.0                                  | 3.8               |
| 1953-54                 | 4.3                    | 1.3                        | 3.0                          | 0.7                             | 3.7                   | 13.0                                  | 4.3               |
| 1954-55                 | 4.7                    | 1.4                        | 3.4                          | 0.7                             | 4.0                   | 14.2                                  | 5.1               |
| 1955-56                 | 5.2                    | 1.6                        | 3.5                          | 0.7                             | 4.3                   | 15.3                                  | 5.5               |
| 1956-57                 | 5.6                    | 1.7                        | 3.5                          | 0.8                             | 4.4                   | 16.0                                  | 5.6               |
| 1957-58                 | 5.6                    | 1.7                        | 3.6                          | 0.8                             | 4.5                   | 16.2                                  | 5.7               |
| Quarter:                |                        |                            |                              |                                 |                       |                                       |                   |
| Mar. 1956               | 5.3                    | 1.7                        | 3.0                          | 0.7                             | 4.1                   | 14.8                                  | 5.4               |
| June                    | 5.3                    | 1.5                        | 3.8                          | 0.6                             | 4.1                   | 15.3                                  | 5.3               |
| Sept.                   | 5.5                    | 1.5                        | 3.4                          | 0.7                             | 4.2                   | 15.3                                  | 5.3               |
| Dec.                    | 5.8                    | 1.9                        | 4.0                          | 0.9                             | 5.1                   | 17.7                                  | 5.8               |
| Mar. 1957               | 5.5                    | 1.8                        | 3.0                          | 0.7                             | 4.2                   | 15.2                                  | 5.5               |
| June                    | 5.5                    | 1.6                        | 3.8                          | 0.7                             | 4.2                   | 15.8                                  | 5.7               |
| Sept.                   | 5.5                    | 1.5                        | 3.4                          | 0.7                             | 4.3                   | 15.4                                  | 5.7               |
| Dec.                    | 5.8                    | 1.9                        | 4.1                          | 1.0                             | 5.1                   | 17.9                                  | 5.9               |
| Mar. 1958               | 5.6                    | 1.8                        | 3.1                          | 0.8                             | 4.2                   | 15.5                                  | 5.7               |
| June                    | 5.7                    | 1.5                        | 3.8                          | 0.8                             | 4.3                   | 16.1                                  | 5.5               |
| Sept.                   |                        |                            |                              |                                 |                       | 16.0                                  | 5.7               |
| Dec.                    |                        |                            |                              |                                 |                       | 18.7                                  | 6.3               |
| Mar. 1959               |                        |                            | NOT AVAILABLE                |                                 |                       | 16.2                                  | 5.9               |

- (a) Includes groceries, butchers' meat, fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread.
- (b) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, etc.
- (c) Includes tobacco, cigarettes, etc., newspapers, books and stationery, chemists' goods, grain and produce, jewellery, office equipment, etc. Excludes basic building materials (e.g. timber, roofing tiles, bricks, etc.)

HIRE PURCHASE (a)

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(Of Finance Businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail,  
but do not retail goods themselves)

| Period                  | Number of<br>agreements | Value of<br>goods sold<br>(b) | Amount<br>financed<br>(c) | Balances<br>outstanding<br>(end of period) |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
|                         | No.                     | £'000                         | £'000                     | £'000                                      |
| <u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u> |                         |                               |                           |  |
| Year: 1954-55           | 7,395                   | 2,296                         | 1,403                     | 18,633                                     |
| 1955-56                 | 7,852                   | 2,471                         | 1,518                     | 21,618                                     |
| 1956-57                 | 8,521                   | 2,810                         | 1,770                     | 25,349                                     |
| 1957-58                 | 10,765                  | 2,921                         | 1,898                     | 28,761                                     |
| 1958-59                 | 11,659                  | 3,129                         | 2,058                     | 32,603                                     |
| Quarter:                |                         |                               |                           |  |
| Sept. 1956              | 7,956                   | 2,737                         | 1,712                     | 22,772                                     |
| Dec.                    | 9,451                   | 3,129                         | 1,973                     | 24,751                                     |
| Mar. 1957               | 8,195                   | 2,776                         | 1,754                     | 25,226                                     |
| June                    | 8,482                   | 2,599                         | 1,640                     | 25,349                                     |
| Sept.                   | 9,645                   | 2,683                         | 1,726                     | 25,800                                     |
| Dec.                    | 11,717                  | 3,084                         | 2,011                     | 27,454                                     |
| Mar. 1958               | 10,714                  | 2,920                         | 1,895                     | 27,898                                     |
| June                    | 10,986                  | 2,996                         | 1,961                     | 28,761                                     |
| Sept.                   | 11,427                  | 3,008                         | 1,964                     | 29,719                                     |
| Dec.                    | 13,036                  | 3,461                         | 2,282                     | 31,867                                     |
| Mar. 1959               | 11,021                  | 2,948                         | 1,938                     | 32,054                                     |
| June                    | 11,152                  | 3,100                         | 2,050                     | 32,603                                     |
| <u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>   |                         |                               |                           |  |
| June 1957               | 8,656                   | 2,494                         | 1,574                     | 25,349                                     |
| July                    | 9,546                   | 2,705                         | 1,748                     | 25,369                                     |
| August                  | 9,802                   | 2,617                         | 1,675                     | 25,553                                     |
| June 1958               | 10,774                  | 2,762                         | 1,825                     | 28,761                                     |
| July                    | 11,227                  | 3,047                         | 1,999                     | 28,936                                     |
| August                  | 10,649                  | 2,787                         | 1,817                     | 29,172                                     |
| June 1959               | 11,453                  | 3,120                         | 2,112                     | 32,603                                     |
| July p                  | n.a.                    | n.a.                          | n.a.                      | 32,834                                     |
| August p                | n.a.                    | n.a.                          | n.a.                      | 33,078                                     |

(a) Includes Northern Territory.

(b) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hire charges and insurance).

(c) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

## STATE FINANCE - CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND

| Period                  | RECEIPTS |              |                        | PAYMENTS |                 |              |                        |
|-------------------------|----------|--------------|------------------------|----------|-----------------|--------------|------------------------|
|                         | Total    | Cwlth Grants | Business under-takings | Total    | Social Services | Debt Charges | Business Under-takings |
|                         | £'000    | £'000        | £'000                  | £'000    | £'000           | £'000        | £'000                  |
| <u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u> |          |              |                        |          |                 |              |                        |
| Year: 1954-55           | 4,324    | 1,343        | 1,752                  | 4,510    | 1,159           | 815          | 1,556                  |
| 1955-56                 | 4,950    | 1,665        | 1,885                  | 5,069    | 1,363           | 982          | 1,593                  |
| 1956-57                 | 5,480    | 1,885        | 1,995                  | 5,484    | 1,504           | 1,101        | 1,639                  |
| 1957-58                 | 5,887    | 2,050        | 2,109                  | 5,920    | 1,659           | 1,217        | 1,705                  |
| 1958-59                 | 6,057    | 2,089        | 2,099                  | 6,142    | 1,908           | 1,340        | 1,601                  |
| Quarter:                |          |              |                        |          |                 |              |                        |
| Sept. 1956              | 4,050    | 1,591        | 1,293                  | 4,709    | 1,431           | 906          | 1,572                  |
| Dec. 1956               | 5,674    | 1,596        | 2,612                  | 5,987    | 1,505           | 1,103        | 1,714                  |
| Mar. 1957               | 5,614    | 1,687        | 2,149                  | 4,979    | 1,380           | 957          | 1,515                  |
| June 1957               | 6,583    | 2,668        | 1,926                  | 6,262    | 1,702           | 1,439        | 1,754                  |
| Sept. 1957              | 4,820    | 1,700        | 1,726                  | 3,962    | 1,549           | 901          | 1,720                  |
| Dec. 1957               | 6,002    | 1,842        | 2,626                  | 6,320    | 1,674           | 1,344        | 1,762                  |
| Mar. 1958               | 5,806    | 1,710        | 2,236                  | 5,492    | 1,554           | 899          | 1,620                  |
| June 1958               | 6,919    | 2,949        | 1,849                  | 6,907    | 1,857           | 1,721        | 1,716                  |
| Sept. 1958              | 4,627    | 1,724        | 1,390                  | 5,193    | 1,747           | 994          | 1,611                  |
| Dec. 1958               | 6,433    | 1,820        | 2,832                  | 6,693    | 1,945           | 1,457        | 1,603                  |
| Mar. 1959               | 5,784    | 1,770        | 2,175                  | 5,617    | 1,772           | 1,090        | 1,538                  |
| June 1959               | 7,383    | 3,043        | 1,998                  | 7,066    | 2,167           | 1,817        | 1,651                  |
| <u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>   |          |              |                        |          |                 |              |                        |
| June 1957               | 7,141    | 2,671        | 1,524                  | 6,580    | 1,954           | 1,222        | 1,831                  |
| July 1957               | 5,303    | 1,700        | 1,889                  | 4,808    | 1,690           | 567          | 1,723                  |
| Aug. 1957               | 4,492    | 1,699        | 1,592                  | 5,134    | 1,452           | 1,176        | 1,713                  |
| June 1958               | 8,450    | 3,052        | 1,970                  | 7,177    | 2,143           | 1,304        | 1,738                  |
| July 1958               | 4,806    | 1,724        | 1,331                  | 5,227    | 1,937           | 804          | 1,633                  |
| Aug. 1958               | 4,193    | 1,725        | 1,190                  | 5,128    | 1,569           | 1,185        | 1,537                  |
| June 1959               | 8,386    | 3,077        | 2,153                  | 7,195    | 2,435           | 1,383        | 1,747                  |
| July 1959               | 5,406    | 1,940        | 1,605                  | 5,744    | 2,256           | 880          | 1,700                  |
| Aug. 1959               | 4,999    | 1,904        | 1,634                  | 5,880    | 1,883           | 1,532        | 1,662                  |

| Period                  | Real Estate |             |             | Savings Banks       | Cheque Paying Bankings |                     |                             |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
|                         | Mortgages   |             | Transferred | Balance of Deposits | Balance of Deposits    | Balance of Advances | Debits to Clients' Accounts |
|                         | Loaned      | Dis-charged |             |                     |                        |                     |                             |
|                         | £'000       | £'000       | £'000       | £'000               | £'000                  | £'000               | £'000                       |
| <u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u> |             |             |             |                     | (a)                    | (a)                 | (b)                         |
| Year: 1954-55           | 3,107       | 1,321       | 5,391       | 127,325             | 124,458                | 52,117              | 36,339                      |
| 1955-56                 | 3,186       | 1,405       | 5,537       | 133,068             | 122,374                | 54,499              | 39,618                      |
| 1956-57                 | 3,538       | 1,306       | 5,190       | 138,352             | 126,242                | 53,260              | 42,773                      |
| 1957-58                 | 3,695       | 1,697       | 6,034       | 145,615             | 134,711                | 57,286              | 44,370                      |
| 1958-59                 | 4,747       | 1,795       | 6,541       | 151,427             | 132,179                | 62,791              | 46,291                      |
| Quarter:                |             |             |             |                     |                        |                     |                             |
| Sept. 1956              | 3,257       | 1,281       | 5,118       | 137,186             | 115,241                | 54,470              | 38,467                      |
| Dec.                    | 3,596       | 1,209       | 4,525       | 138,122             | 122,956                | 53,912              | 43,405                      |
| Mar. 1957               | 3,637       | 1,324       | 5,307       | 138,305             | 133,002                | 51,906              | 44,072                      |
| June                    | 3,661       | 1,410       | 5,811       | 139,796             | 133,516                | 52,803              | 45,146                      |
| Sept.                   | 3,841       | 1,850       | 6,146       | 143,757             | 130,381                | 52,377              | 43,135                      |
| Dec.                    | 3,401       | 1,504       | 5,551       | 146,000             | 136,037                | 56,194              | 46,114                      |
| Mar. 1958               | 3,572       | 1,613       | 5,935       | 146,176             | 141,178                | 57,502              | 43,260                      |
| June                    | 3,968       | 1,820       | 6,504       | 146,529             | 131,350                | 62,985              | 44,969                      |
| Sept.                   | 5,402       | 2,224       | 6,615       | 149,596             | 125,208                | 63,253              | 42,559                      |
| Dec.                    | 4,391       | 1,643       | 6,041       | 150,415             | 129,536                | 63,483              | 47,647                      |
| Mar. 1959               | 4,123       | 1,345       | 6,198       | 151,732             | 138,129                | 61,897              | 46,626                      |
| June                    | 5,071       | 1,957       | 7,309       | 153,966             | 136,299                | 62,462              | 48,252                      |
| <u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>   |             |             |             |                     |                        |                     |                             |
| June 1957               | 3,469       | 1,067       | 5,123       | 142,401             | 131,754                | 53,115              | 44,345                      |
| July                    | 4,204       | 1,771       | 7,225       | 143,201             | 131,499                | 52,559              | 46,538                      |
| Aug.                    | 3,725       | 2,035       | 5,615       | 143,867             | 128,840                | 51,979              | 38,752                      |
| June 1958               | 3,759       | 1,561       | 6,546       | 148,858             | 127,464                | 63,896              | 43,523                      |
| July                    | 4,859       | 2,249       | 7,547       | 149,560             | 126,642                | 64,268              | 44,294                      |
| Aug.                    | 6,655       | 2,795       | 6,279       | 149,378             | 124,332                | 63,384              | 40,455                      |
| June 1959               | 4,806       | 1,971       | 7,128       | 157,152             | 132,965                | 63,271              | 47,453                      |
| July                    | 5,539       | 2,783       | 8,984       | 158,083             | 132,709                | 63,781              | 50,577                      |
| Aug.                    | 4,899       | 2,289       | 7,399       | 158,931             | 129,768                | 65,387              | 46,048                      |

- (a) Average of balances at close of business on Wednesdays during the period. Banks were exempted from submitting returns for the 5th Wednesday in December, 1954 and the 4th Wednesday in December of the following years.
- (b) Average of debits during weeks ending on Wednesdays in the period. Includes Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank, and Industrial Finance Departments of the Commonwealth Bank.



## RETAIL PRICE INDEXES, ADELAIDE

| Period   |            | "C" SERIES INDEX                            |       |       |                      |               |            |       |
|----------|------------|---|-------|-------|----------------------|---------------|------------|-------|
|          |            | (Base: Average 6 capitals 1923-1927 = 1000) |       |       |                      |               |            |       |
|          |            | Food and Groceries                          |       | Rent  | Clothing             | Miscellaneous | All Groups |       |
|          |            | A   | B     |       |                      |               | A          | B     |
| Year:    | 1954-55    | -   | 2,590 | 1,197 | 3,231                | 2,116         | -          | 2,311 |
|          | 1955-56    | 2,659                                       | 2,734 | 1,303 | 3,228                | 2,177         | 2,371      | 2,398 |
|          | 1956-57    | 2,724                                       | 2,847 | 1,415 | 3,240                | 2,252         | 2,437      | 2,481 |
|          | 1957-58    | 2,707                                       | 2,687 | 1,524 | 3,324                | 2,345         | 2,494      | 2,484 |
|          | 1958-59    | 2,924                                       | 2,910 | 1,641 | 3,333                | 2,362         | 2,602      | 2,597 |
| Quarter: | Sept. 1957 | 2,755                                       | 2,740 | 1,486 | 3,292                | 2,333         | 2,492      | 2,485 |
|          | Dec. 1957  | 2,665                                       | 2,647 | 1,503 | 3,321                | 2,348         | 2,473      | 2,465 |
|          | Mar. 1958  | 2,646                                       | 2,635 | 1,516 | 3,329                | 2,350         | 2,472      | 2,466 |
|          | June 1958  | 2,763                                       | 2,727 | 1,592 | 3,355                | 2,350         | 2,537      | 2,522 |
|          | Sept. 1958 | 2,853                                       | 2,815 | 1,618 | 3,356                | 2,364         | 2,577      | 2,563 |
|          | Dec. 1958  | 2,899                                       | 2,894 | 1,640 | 3,331                | 2,364         | 2,593      | 2,591 |
|          | Mar. 1959  | 2,936                                       | 2,946 | 1,651 | 3,319                | 2,360         | 2,605      | 2,609 |
|          | June 1959  | 3,007                                       | 2,984 | 1,657 | 3,325                | 2,359         | 2,632      | 2,625 |
| Period   |            | INTERIM INDEX                               |       |       |                      |               |            |       |
|          |            | (Base: 1952-53 = 100)                       |       |       |                      |               |            |       |
|          |            | Food  |       | Rent  | Clothing and Drapery | Other         | All Groups |       |
|          |            | A   | B     |       |                      |               | A          | B     |
| Year:    | 1954-55    | 106.3                                       | 106.2 | 105.6 | 102.9                | 99.9          | 103.6      | 103.6 |
|          | 1955-56    | 108.7                                       | 111.1 | 114.9 | 102.9                | 103.7         | 106.3      | 107.2 |
|          | 1956-57    | 111.1                                       | 114.9 | 124.8 | 103.9                | 107.9         | 109.5      | 110.9 |
|          | 1957-58    | 112.2                                       | 111.9 | 134.6 | 107.1                | 111.2         | 112.6      | 112.5 |
|          | 1958-59    | 118.0                                       | 118.0 | 144.9 | 107.9                | 113.0         | 116.4      | 116.4 |
| Quarter: | Sept. 1957 | 113.3                                       | 113.1 | 131.2 | 106.2                | 110.5         | 112.2      | 112.2 |
|          | Dec. 1957  | 110.7                                       | 110.4 | 132.6 | 107.1                | 111.1         | 111.8      | 111.7 |
|          | Mar. 1958  | 110.9                                       | 110.8 | 133.9 | 107.2                | 111.4         | 112.1      | 112.1 |
|          | June 1958  | 114.2                                       | 113.4 | 140.6 | 108.1                | 111.6         | 114.2      | 114.0 |
|          | Sept. 1958 | 116.0                                       | 115.3 | 143.0 | 108.2                | 112.6         | 115.4      | 115.2 |
|          | Dec. 1958  | 116.9                                       | 117.2 | 144.8 | 108.0                | 112.6         | 115.9      | 116.0 |
|          | Mar. 1959  | 118.4                                       | 119.1 | 145.7 | 107.6                | 113.3         | 116.6      | 116.8 |
|          | June 1959  | 120.7                                       | 120.5 | 146.2 | 107.8                | 113.5         | 117.6      | 117.5 |

A excludes and B includes price movements of potatoes and onions.



RAINFALL - AGRICULTURAL AREAS

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| Period              |       |      | Statistical Division |             |             |               |         | Whole State |               |
|---------------------|-------|------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------|-------------|---------------|
|                     |       |      | Central              | Lower North | Upper North | South Eastern | Western |             | Murray Mallee |
|                     |       |      | Inches               |             |             |               |         |             |               |
| Year:               | 1954  |      | 15.19                | 14.53       | 13.98       | 18.99         | 11.88   | 12.81       | 13.83         |
|                     | 1955  |      | 22.72                | 19.28       | 17.03       | 27.01         | 17.42   | 16.68       | 19.36         |
|                     | 1956  |      | 20.88                | 21.13       | 18.45       | 28.10         | 21.46   | 16.51       | 20.46         |
|                     | 1957  |      | 11.36                | 10.62       | 10.23       | 17.39         | 8.73    | 8.19        | 10.06         |
|                     | 1958  |      | 17.19                | 15.41       | 17.20       | 22.71         | 16.35   | 13.35       | 16.07         |
| Wheatgrowing Season |       |      |                      |             |             |               |         |             |               |
| (Apr.-Nov.) -       |       | 1954 | 12.56                | 11.72       | 11.10       | 15.90         | 9.78    | 9.97        | 11.24         |
|                     |       | 1955 | 18.70                | 15.24       | 12.76       | 23.72         | 14.44   | 13.00       | 15.71         |
|                     |       | 1956 | 18.86                | 18.98       | 16.09       | 24.78         | 19.26   | 13.82       | 18.18         |
|                     |       | 1957 | 10.38                | 9.36        | 8.15        | 14.44         | 7.34    | 6.58        | 8.67          |
|                     |       | 1958 | 15.55                | 13.49       | 15.10       | 21.39         | 13.35   | 11.85       | 13.99         |
| Season to date      |       |      |                      |             |             |               |         |             |               |
| (Apr.-Aug.) -       |       | 1954 | 8.91                 | 8.31        | 7.62        | 11.55         | 6.99    | 6.81        | 7.94          |
|                     |       | 1955 | 14.19                | 11.30       | 9.11        | 17.56         | 11.11   | 9.82        | 11.86         |
|                     |       | 1956 | 14.32                | 13.07       | 10.43       | 18.47         | 14.82   | 9.80        | 13.36         |
|                     |       | 1957 | 7.37                 | 6.96        | 5.51        | 8.23          | 5.82    | 4.35        | 6.25          |
|                     |       | 1958 | 9.82                 | 8.04        | 7.02        | 14.33         | 8.31    | 6.73        | 8.49          |
|                     |       | 1959 | 3.76                 | 3.45        | 3.16        | 5.67          | 3.03    | 2.22        | 3.26          |
| Month:              | April | 1958 | 0.66                 | 0.68        | 0.56        | 0.60          | 0.48    | 0.51        | 0.58          |
|                     | May   |      | 3.57                 | 2.62        | 1.16        | 4.96          | 2.61    | 2.06        | 2.77          |
|                     | June  |      | 0.41                 | 0.15        | 0.03        | 1.09          | 0.31    | 0.12        | 0.28          |
|                     | July  |      | 2.54                 | 1.80        | 2.00        | 3.86          | 2.27    | 1.73        | 2.18          |
|                     | Aug.  |      | 2.64                 | 2.79        | 3.27        | 3.82          | 2.64    | 2.31        | 2.68          |
|                     | April | 1959 | 0.27                 | 0.30        | 0.11        | 0.35          | 0.24    | 0.09        | 0.44          |
|                     | May   |      | 0.46                 | 0.26        | 0.47        | 0.65          | 0.57    | 0.37        | 0.44          |
|                     | June  |      | 0.40                 | 0.42        | 0.23        | 0.78          | 0.46    | 0.27        | 0.41          |
|                     | July  |      | 1.16                 | 1.44        | 1.79        | 1.29          | 1.15    | 0.63        | 1.15          |
|                     | Aug.  |      | 1.47                 | 1.03        | 0.56        | 2.60          | 0.61    | 0.86        | 1.03          |

NOTE: Rainfall figures are calculated averages over agricultural areas only, and are totals of periods shown (not monthly averages).

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